

**TOWN OF DUNSTABLE**

# **YEAR IN REVIEW**



**2023**

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# CAPITAL PROJECTS

## New Fire Rescue Truck



## Fire Station Rubber Roof Replacement

## Completion of Route 113 Improvement Project



# CAPITAL PROJECTS

**New Mini Excavator**



**New HVAC Unit at Town Hall**

**Town Hall Offices Ceiling Replacement**



**Town Common Bandstand Renovation**

# CAPITAL PROJECTS

## Fire Department

FIRE STATION ELECTRIC UPGRADES  
FIRE STATION HVAC REPLACEMENT

## General Government

TOWN HALL IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES  
TOWN HALL ELECTRICAL UPGRADES  
TOWN HALL IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPAIRS

## Conservation Commission

WOODWARD'S MILL DAM PHASE II ASSESSMENT

## Police Department

POLICE VESTS

## Parks and Recreation

REPLACEMENT WELLS AT LARTER FIELD  
RENOVATION OF STORAGE SHEDS AT LARTER FIELD

## Highway Department

GENERAL STREET PAVING  
REPAIR OF SALT SHED ROOF

## Library

LIBRARY ELECTRICAL UPGRADES



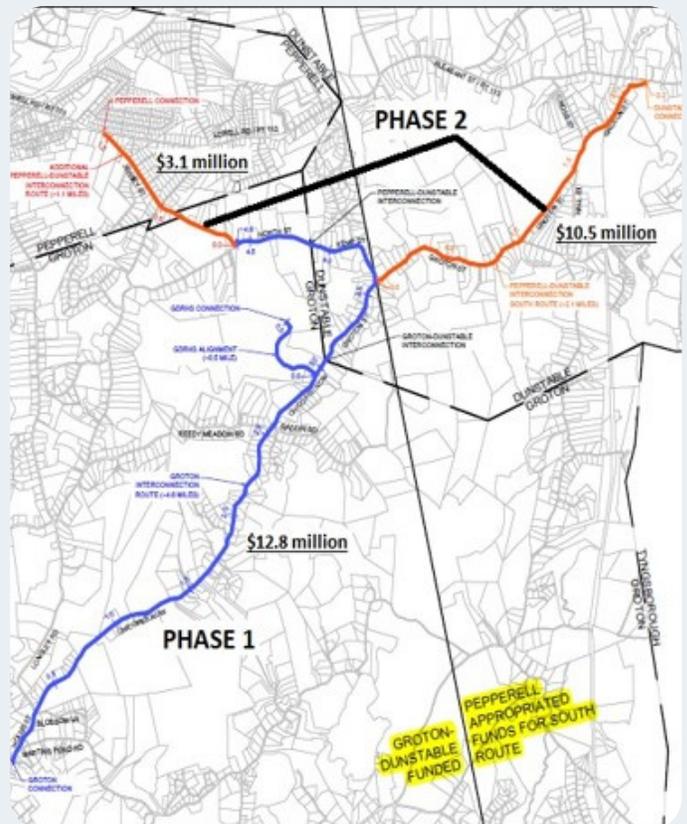
# PLANNING INITIATIVES



## Walk Dunstable

AARP AND NMCOC  
FUNDED TOWN  
CENTER WALKABILITY  
PROJECT

## PFAS Mitigation Project at Groton Dunstable Regional High School



# PLANNING INITIATIVES

**Help Dunstable be more resilient to extreme weather events.**

**Attend a public meeting** to learn what the Town is doing to improve its planning and response to winter storms, extreme heat, drought, and many other natural hazards. The public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.



RSVP at [tinyurl.com/DunstablePublicMeeting](https://tinyurl.com/DunstablePublicMeeting)

## Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan

CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS PLAN AND UPDATE TO THE TOWN'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

## Housing Production Plan Update

The Dunstable Affordable Housing Committee invites you to the...

### Town of Dunstable Housing Production Plan Public Meeting

The Town of Dunstable is working to update our **Housing Production Plan**, which will recommend actions we should take for the next five years. Its goal is to improve housing affordability and tackle challenges such as the following:

- 241 Dunstable households — 22% of all households — pay 30% or more of their income on housing
- The median Dunstable home cost \$719,000 in 2022, putting home ownership out of reach for many households.
- Elders have increased as a proportion of total households from 12% to 25% in 2017-2021, but appropriate homes are inaccessible.

What are we missing? How can we use zoning, investments, and partnerships to make housing more affordable? Learn about our proposed vision and goals and share your stories, priorities, and input in a facilitated discussion hosted by the Affordable Housing Committee.

See you there! → **Mon, June 26 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
Town Hall  
511 Main Street

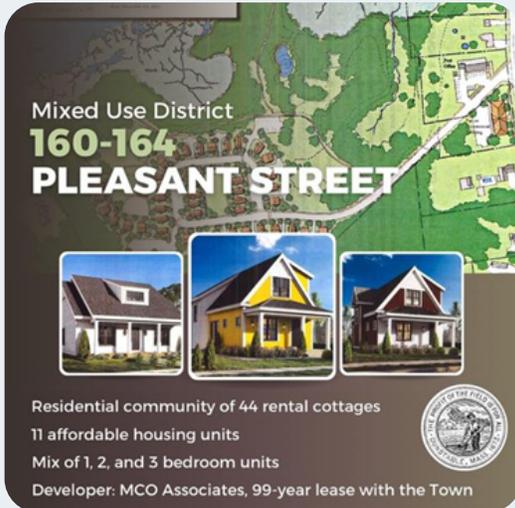
Town of Dunstable  
**Housing Production Plan for 2023-27**

With support from the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments District Local Technical Assistance program funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.



## LAND Grant for Morgan's Pond

# PLANNING INITIATIVES



Mixed Use District  
**160-164 PLEASANT STREET**



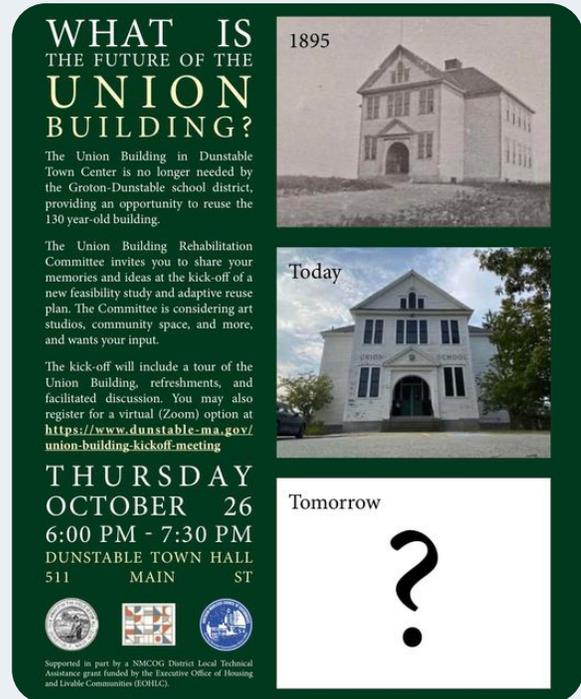
Residential community of 44 rental cottages  
11 affordable housing units  
Mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units  
Developer: MCO Associates, 99-year lease with the Town



## MUD District 40B LIP Affordable Housing Development

44 RENTAL COTTAGES WITH  
11 AFFORDABLE UNITS  
MIX OF 1, 2, AND 3 BEDROOM  
UNITS

## Union Building Reuse Feasibility Study and Restoration Plan



**WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE UNION BUILDING?**

1895



The Union Building in Dunstable Town Center is no longer needed by the Groton-Dunstable school district, providing an opportunity to reuse the 130 year-old building.

The Union Building Rehabilitation Committee invites you to share your memories and ideas at the kick-off of a new feasibility study and adaptive reuse plan. The Committee is considering art studios, community space, and more, and wants your input.

The kick-off will include a tour of the Union Building, refreshments, and facilitated discussion. You may also register for a virtual (Zoom) option at <https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/union-building-kickoff-meeting>

Today



THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 26  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL  
511 MAIN ST

Tomorrow



Supported in part by a SMCOG District Local Technical Assistance grant funded by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC).



## Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

REGIONAL \$42,000 EARMARK FOR  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

# SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

## Regionalization of Town Operations

REGIONALIZATION OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER/COLLECTOR POSITIONS AT TOWN HALL



## Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center

TRANSITIONING TO THE PATRIOT REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WITH THE TOWN OF GROTON, AND EXISTING MEMBERS PEPPERELL, ASHBY, AND TOWNSEND

## Police Department Accreditation

POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALLY EARNED ACCREDITATION FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION



## Website Updates

REGULAR WEBSITE UPDATES AND EXPANSION OF SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

## Payment Drop Box

PAYMENT DROPBOX INSTALLED AT TOWN HALL TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO MAKE PAYMENTS DURING TOWN HALL OFF-HOURS



# FINANCE

## Capital Improvement Plan

CREATION OF FY24-FY28 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO ANTICIPATE AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS



## Financial Forecast

CREATION OF FY25-FY28 FINANCIAL FORECAST CREATED TO HELP PREPARE FOR BUDGET SPENDING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

## Community Compact IT Grant

AWARDED CLOSE TO \$30,000 FOR IT UPGRADES SUPPORTING ENHANCEMENTS IN DISASTER RECOVERY AND SERVER REPLACEMENT

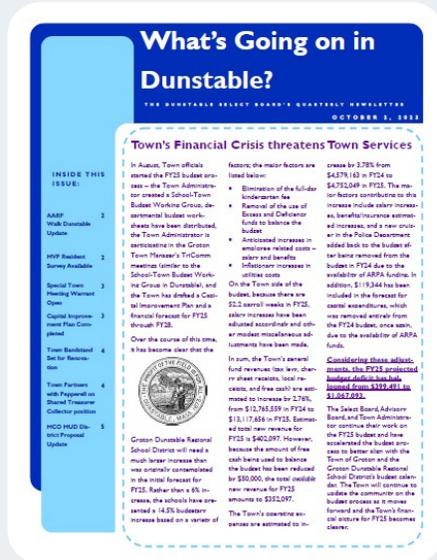


## Bond Rating Upgrade

THE TOWN'S BOND RATING WAS UPGRADED TO AA3 FROM A1

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Online Resident Survey 232 SURVEY RESPONSES



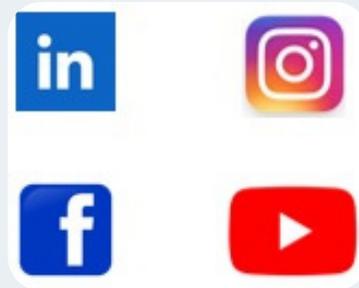
## Select Board Quarterly Newsletter

WHAT'S GOING ON IN DUNSTABLE?, THE SELECT BOARD'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, WAS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IN OCTOBER, THE SELECT BOARD MAILED THE NEWSLETTER TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN TOWN.

## Social Media

- FACEBOOK
- INSTAGRAM
- YOUTUBE
- LINKEDIN



## Town Administrator's Coffee Hours

MONTHLY TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COFFEE HOURS AT FARMHOUSE CAFE STARTED IN OCTOBER

# EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

## Volunteer Appreciation Night

CREATED ANNUAL EVENT TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE OF TOWN VOLUNTEERS



# MIIA

## Employee and Volunteer Training Sessions

SURVEYED EMPLOYEES TO HELP IDENTIFY TRAININGS TO BEST SUPPORT AND ASSIST EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKPLACE.

## Making A Difference Program

CREATED A MONTHLY PEER-TO-PEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM, AND SECURED A GRANT FROM THE TOWN'S INSURER, MIIA, TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

